



*Federal Public Defender
Central District of Illinois*

**Office of the Federal Public Defender
For the Central District of Illinois**

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
MITIGATION INVESTIGATOR**

The Federal Public Defender for the Central District of Illinois is accepting applications for the position of mitigation investigator for the trial unit. The Federal Public Defender represents indigent criminal defendants in the federal courts in Peoria, Rock Island, Springfield, and Urbana, Illinois. The position will be based in the Springfield office, but will assist trial attorneys for all four offices. The mitigation investigator will assist attorneys in investigating, analyzing, developing and presenting the mitigation evidence that exists in the life history of clients. The mitigation investigator will gather and summarize social history records and will discover and conduct interviews with lay and professional people with relevant knowledge about the client's early childhood development, education, employment, and medical and mental health history. The mitigation investigator also will consult with experts, develop and maintain relationships with clients, their family members, local social service providers, and pretrial service officers, and perform other tasks as required.

Requirements and Qualifications. The successful applicant will have a Master's degree in social work or equivalent with at least two years' experience in the investigation and development of mitigation evidence or in a related field such as social work or drug and alcohol abuse. Applicants should have a commitment to providing quality representation to indigent defendants and have a reputation for personal integrity, and must have a working knowledge of the criminal justice and correctional systems, as well as psychology and psychological testing. Excellent investigative, interviewing and writing skills are essential for the position, as is the ability to locate, obtain, review, analyze and summarize relevant records. Successful applicants will be able to prioritize projects and work both independently and cooperatively. A minimum of two years comparable work experience is preferred. Fluency in Spanish is a plus.

Salary/Benefits. This position is full-time with federal salary and benefits. Position is subject to mandatory electronic funds transfer (direct deposit). The successful candidate will be subject to a general background check as a condition of employment. Position will remain open until September 11, 2015.

Application Information. Qualified applicants should, no later than September 11, send via email a letter of interest, a current and detailed resume, and the names and contact information for three work references who may be contacted to:

ilchr@fd.org

The Federal Public Defender for the Central District of Illinois is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

FEDERAL
PUBLIC DEFENDER
Thomas W. Patton

SENIOR LITIGATOR
George Taseff

ASSISTANT DEFENDERS
Robert Alvarado
Johanna Christiansen
Daniel Hillis
Douglas J. Quivey

Karl Bryning
Peter Henderson
Elisabeth Pollock
John C. Taylor

OFFICES

401 Main St., Ste 1500
Peoria, IL 61602
(309) 671-7891
(309) 671-7898 (fax)

600 E. Adams St., 2nd Fl.
Springfield, IL 62701
(217) 492-5070
(217) 492-5077 (fax)

300 W. Main Street
Urbana, IL 61801
(217) 373-0666
(217) 373-0667 (fax)

Website: <http://ilc.fed.org>

Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. **No telephone calls please.**